

Remarks/Arguments

With entry of this Amendment, claims 1-8, 10-26 and 59-63 are pending in the instant application. Claim 9 has been cancelled herein without prejudice. Claims 27-58 are cancelled herein without prejudice or disclaimer for being drawn to a non-elected invention pursuant to a previous requirement of restriction in this application. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate all of the features of claim 9 which was indicated to be allowable by the Examiner. In addition, allowable claim 13 has been rewritten in independent form to include the salient features of claim 1 from which it depends. Claim 10 has been amended to depend from claim 1 rather than claim 9 which has been cancelled herein. Dependent claim 26 has been amended to correct a minor typographical error. New claims 59-63 have been added herein. There is replete support throughout the specification and the originally filed claims for the subject matter of new claims 59-63, and thus no new matter has been entered.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. Section 102

Claims 1-8 and 11 were rejected as allegedly being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e) by Chen et al. (US 2003/0234465). In order to expedite prosecution of the instant application to allowance and issuance, claim 1 has been amended herein to include all the limitations of claim 9 which was indicated to be allowable by the Examiner. Accordingly, claim 1, and dependent claims 2-8, 10-12 and 21-24 which depend therefrom, should now be allowable as well.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 9-10 and 12-26 were indicated to be allowable by the Examiner. Applicants are grateful for the indication of allowable subject matter. As indicated above, allowable claim 13 has been rewritten in independent form to include the salient

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features of claim 1 from which it depends. Accordingly, independent claims 13 and 25, and dependent claims 14-20 and 59-63 which depend from claim 13, and dependent claim 26 which depends from claim 25, should now be in condition for allowance as well.

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